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In re Application of :
Theodore C. Johnson et al : **OFFICE OF PETITIONS**
Application No. 09/916,214 : **ON PETITION**
Filed: July 25, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. 37167-8040.US00 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 17, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." No additional fee is required with any renewed petition. Petitioner is advised that this is **not** a final agency action decision.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (Notice) mailed September 7, 2001. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on November 8, 2001.

A grantable petition to revive an abandoned application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply (unless previously filed), which may met by the filing of a continuing application in a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, but must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof in an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)). This petition lacks item (1) above.

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed September 7, 2001, additionally required the submission of substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because the "drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must have a top margin of at least 2.5 cm (1 inch), a right margin of at least 1.5 cm (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm (3/8 inch)." Since petitioner has failed to submit the reply required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(1), the petition must be dismissed.

After this decision is mailed, petitioner's deposit account No. 2207, will be charged the basic filing fee of \$370.

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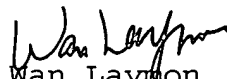
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